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CHALLENGE

Opportunity For A. P. A. Bigots
to Obtain Nice Sum of
\$25,000.

Dr. Cummings Issues Challenge
to Any Bigot in This
Country.

Hot Sizzling Letter to Baptist
Minister Who Published
Old Fake.

CALLS JUNIORS AND GUARDIANS

The Menace, Peril and other A. P. A. sheets, including the Mountain Advocate, published at Bourbonville, Ky., have repeatedly reprinted the stale old canard about Presidents Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley being assassinated by Catholics, and have steadfastly refused to believe the convincing proofs published in the Catholic press from time to time that their stories were false.

Every little old man who is a Junior Order and Guardian of Liberty speaker has shrieked out the same old rehearsed lie from time to time until they have worked into a frenzy their following of dupes and ignoramuses, many of whom will never know any better (not being able to read) while others don't want to know any better, being content to travel through life with a continual grudge against their Catholic fellow-citizens, always being active in some dark-lantern society seeking to create trouble through religious prejudice.

The Baptist press, as a rule and especially throughout the South, has been ever ready to take a fling at anything Catholic, and this weakness was responsible for the awful jolt given Rev. Ben Bogard, a Baptist preacher and editor of the Baptist Commonwealth, published at Staatsville, Texas, by Dr. Charles M. Cummings, of Williamsport, Pa., who has rendered signal service in the past couple of years by his challenges to the Menace and Peril type of bigots to prove their published calumnies. The Bogard above referred to had been harping on the old story of the three Presidents being killed by Catholics, and had written to the Menace stating that the Cummings expose of this fake was a falsehood. The following is Dr. Cummings' answer, and which has driven Bogard in his hole for awhile at least:

Williamsport, Pa., June 22, 1914.—Ben Bogard, Editor Baptist Commonwealth, Staatsville, Texas—Dear Ben: Many thanks for your compliments in the Menace of June 20, 1914. Benny, you have another guess coming. I did not even know "Menace Calumnies Refuted" would win the distinguished approval of the Bishop and cardinals, whose names do such great honor to my pamphlet, until I saw the first copy. No doubt I have the learned, able, aggressive, good Father Noll to thank for securing their distinguished consideration. Nobody but a pig-headed degenerate like yourself would object to their granting such an honor to a self-evident fake. You say that the Catholics murdered the Presidents, I say you lie; that they were murdered by non-Catholics. From what you say you must have "Menace Calumnies Refuted." Did you see therein that my challenge was open to any bigot in America? That means you, Ben. Fearing you might not relish the conditions named in those challenges, I will offer you a special, mild one. I will agree to meet you and go to the leading bonding company of Baltimore, there to negotiate two surety bonds one to the other, each in the sum of \$25,000. This bond to provide, first: That if I prove to the satisfaction of a majority of three reputable judges, to be equitably selected by us, that Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley were all murdered by non-Catholics, I am to get \$25,000; if I fail, you get it. Second provision: You shall publish in the Baptist Commonwealth any denunciation the victor may wish. Third provision: That one defeated shall exile himself to the Isle of St. Helena, there to remain until death.

Now, my dear little bigot, I am sending you this letter by registered mail today and one to the Menace, also by registered mail. I ask you both to square your consciences just once by publishing it.

Finally, dear little Ben, I don't know what you are. You may be a minister; God pity the ministry if you are. You may be a crow, you have enough black about you for that (with apologies to the crow). I believe you to be an ordinary, secondarily, lying bigot; one of the rotund, Pope-eating variety. Cherishing the faint hope that I may yet have a chance to officially crush this lie, I am, yours,

Chas. J. Cummings, M. D.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The thirty-second annual report of the Society of the Holy Spirit shows a vast amount of work on a small income, totaling only \$1,666. Besides its mission work the society during the past twelve months has prosecuted upon a large scale the

work of distributing free of cost and throughout all the United States Catholic books, papers, tracts and leaflets, the total distribution for the year being \$78,000 pieces as against 367,000 for the year preceding—excess for the last year 1913-14. The work of answering in columns of the secular press, attacks upon Catholic doctrine and Catholic practices has also been continued; numerous communications to the ends in question having been published during the year over the signature of the society. It is the hope that these public vindications have accomplished some good, and that they have in many things informed numbers who could not have been reached otherwise in the interest of Catholic truth.

HAPPY FOURTH.

With perfect weather conditions and the proper patriotic spirit prevailing, thousands of people helped to make the Fourth of July picnic and celebration of the new Catholic Orphan Society for the benefit of the St. Vincent and St. Thomas Asylums a success both socially and financially. It was the biggest Independence day celebration held in the city and everybody was happy. Louisville's best known citizenship was in attendance during the day, but once inside the gates no distinction was made. Bishop O'Donoghue, Vicar General Cronin and numbers of the clergymen were there, and every parish was well represented. There were many booths and pleasant methods were devised to swell the receipts, which will aggregate a nice sum, though the complete returns will not be known before the next meeting of the society. The country store, the dairy lunch, the fish pond and other attractions did a vallant business and there was great rivalry. Many prizes were given away, but the committee announced that it would be impossible that night to announce the winners. The new society and its general committee are to be congratulated on the success of their first undertaking, which augurs well for a great society and the future welfare of the orphans. To so many is credit due for the work done that it would be unjust to let this year's attempt to specialize. Will this foundation there is little doubt but that the Catholic Orphan Society will be given generous and deserved support.

VINCENTIANS.

Last Sunday morning, President John A. Dixon and the officers of the Particular Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society visited the St. Boniface church conference and presented the aggregation papers. The visitors were greeted by a large gathering, which indicates that before long St. Boniface conference will be one of the most active in Louisville. Its officers are: President—Frank A. Geher. Vice President—Henry Ackerman. Secretary—Henry Bosse. Treasurer—John Tohe.

Friday night the Particular Council officers met with St. Peter's Conference at St. Peter's Hall for the same purpose. This is another new conference that gives much promise. A number of excellent addresses were delivered and encouragement given the society.

POPE IS WELL.

A Rome cablegram says the Pope is in excellent health. He has started to take morning drives in the Vatican gardens with one of his secretaries in a closed carriage. He breathes the "open air" as he says, and occasionally walks for a few minutes. Usually he drives, as even the comparatively early hour the gardens are not very cold. The halls and corridors of the apostolic palaces with their light ceilings and thick walls are much cooler, and thus there is some danger of the Pontiff suffering from a chill after returning from the sunny garden in the cool temperature of the corridors where he would prefer to take walking exercise.

MEETING CROWDED.

At the meeting of Division 3, A. O. U., on Monday night the hall was crowded with members, every one having something to say before the proposition for raising the dues and initiation fee was decided. With the exception of a few old members all favored the increase. The purpose of the proposed change is to raise funds in order to employ some capable person to look after the hall and home all the time, and also to be enabled to make needed improvements from time to time. The final conclusion reached was that for the present the dues remain the same, but all members who can will join the Hibernian Social Club, the dues of which are only ten cents per month, and in return the club will take over the work and look after the improvements. A large amount of routine business was transacted and eight applications for membership were presented.

NEWPORT.

The Rev. Father James McNerney, who for more than a quarter of a century has presided over the immaculate Conception parish in Newport, has entered upon the fiftieth year of his priesthood. Thursday of last week was the forty-ninth anniversary of Father McNerney's ordination, and from his friends he was the recipient of many congratulations.

BISHOP CURLEY.

The Rev. J. M. Curley, just consecrated as Bishop of St. Augustine, Fla., is only thirty-five years of age, and is said to be the youngest Bishop in this country.

EDUCATORS

Close Their Eleventh Annual
Convention at Atlantic
City, N. J.

Brother Julian, of This City, Presented One of Leading
Papers.

Declares No Education Worthy
of Name That Excludes
Religion.

THEY PROTEST AGAINST NATHAN

The Catholic Educational Association held its eleventh annual convention at Atlantic City and completed its work on July 2. The results being most satisfactory to the large and distinguished gathering. Many able and carefully prepared papers were read, notable among the number being those of Brother Julian, of St. Xavier's College; Very Rev. James A. Burns, C. S. C., President of Holy Cross College, and R. H. Tierney, S. J., editor of America. The purpose of Father Tierney's paper was to show the importance of the notions of truth and being not only in scholasticism but in all modern thought. The author examined the scholastic system bit by bit, showed the place of these two elements therein, and traced their ramifications throughout each branch of the science. He contended that most of the errors of modern philosophy are based on erroneous notions of these two fundamental truths. In support of his statement he cited from the philosophical literature of the day, illustrating his thesis from pragmatism, absolutism, new realism, onism and so on through many authors of many different countries. He then considered miscellaneous literature, essays, magazine articles, novels and the like, pointing out that many of their aberrations were from the same source. In conclusion he insisted once again on the importance of the notion of truth and being, stating that a drilling in both would prevent many men from adopting current pernicious opinions. A paper on English in the High School was read in the morning session by Brother Julian, C. F. X., of Louisville. Brother Julian treated the question from all sides and spoke on elocution and debates as adjuncts in bringing about the desired end of expressive, forcible and correct English. The paper was divided into four sections—spoken English, written English, literature in class and private reading at home. The paper treated exhaustively of a four-year course in English including besides thoroughness in spoken and written thoughts, drills in elocution and debates as a means to bring about the desired end of a course in English.

Before adjourning the convention expressed its appreciation of the treatment received at the hands of Bishop McPaul, Archbishop Prendergast, the clergy and laity of Atlantic City and the press. Among the general resolutions adopted were the following:

We return thanks to our Holy Father for his blessing bestowed each year on this gathering of the Catholic educators of the United States. As there can be no education worthy of the name that excludes religion, it is to be regretted that in our country primary, intermediate and higher education is imparted without reference to religious training. We note with pleasure that many prominent educators not of our faith are demanding a remedy for this condition.

We rejoice in the rapid growth of Catholic colleges for women, and exhort Catholic parents to send their daughters to those institutions where womanly virtues are developed under Catholic influence.

As State and sectarian universities do not seem fitting places for the members of religious communities of women to prepare for college and high school work, we congratulate our Catholic universities and colleges in education and for opening summer schools where women and especially those of religious communities may be taught.

As there is a growing demand for trained social workers and works of charity are becoming more complex and difficult, we view with pleasure the opening of classes of sociology and economics in some of our Catholic colleges and universities.

Since we regard the teaching of sex-hygiene in the schools as detrimental to morality and since lectures on this subject given in some schools were so vile that they were excluded by law from the mails of the United States, we urge Catholics in every part of the country to oppose the teaching of sex-hygiene in schools of their communities.

We deplore the frequent introduction upon the stage of sex plays and extend our sympathy and co-operation to the movement in New York of lifting those plays that are proper and encouraging Catholic people not to frequent plays where Christian virtue is derided or endangered.

While people of every faith and nationality are welcomed to our land of liberty, we do not believe that Russian Nathan, who was responsible for the unjust elimination of religious instruction from the schools of Rome, and who has always manifested bitter hostility to

ward our Holy Father the Pope, is the proper Commissioner of Italy to the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The prevailing note of sentiment of the convention was to make our schools thoroughly Catholic, which can not be done by simply imitating the public schools and then teaching catechism for a short time. This contention was brought out by the excellent papers not only of the clergy but by those of the Sisters. Members of communities throughout the country will read with deep interest and profit the three papers presented by the nuns, which will appear in the general report. There was little change in the list of officers, but great satisfaction was expressed at the action of Father Francis Howard, who so generously consented to continue in the office of Secretary General.

COMING EVENTS.

Monday, July 13—Annual picnic of St. Paul's church, Phoenix Hill Park.

Tuesday, July 14—Moonlight excursion of Hibernian Social Club.

Tuesday, July 14—Men's lawn fete and supper for St. Brigid's church, on grounds at Baxter and Hepburn avenue.

Wednesday, July 15—Trinity Council annual excursion and all-day outing at Fern Grove.

Wednesday, July 15—All-day picnic for St. Vincent de Paul's school, on grounds at Shelby and Oak.

Wednesday, July 15—Picnic and diamond ring award at Pewee Valley for benefit of new St. Aloysius church.

Tuesday, July 21—Hibernian annual reunion and picnic at Phoenix Hill Park.

Wednesday, July 22—Orphans' Festival, on grounds of St. Joseph's Orphans' Home, Crescent Hill.

July 27 and 28—Midsummer lawn fete for St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, on grounds at Twelfth and Magnolia.

August 4 and 5—St. Columba's church lawn fete, on church grounds.

August 17 and 18—Holy Cross lawn fete and chicken supper on church grounds, Thirty-second and Broadway.

Thursday, August 27—Annual reunion and picnic of St. Leo's congregation, on grounds adjoining church, Highland Park.

RECENT DEATHS.

Cornelius Crowley, aged forty-one, succumbed Sunday evening at the home of his niece, Mrs. Henry Heuglin, 622 North Eighteenth street, to an illness of tuberculosis. His funeral was held Tuesday morning from St. Patrick's church, attended by many friends and acquaintances.

Thursday morning death came to Harry Downs, aged thirty-five years, her husband of his sister, Mrs. John Scanlon, 1225 Payne street, with whom he resided. The deceased had many friends who were grieved to learn of his death. The funeral will be held this morning from St. Brigid's church.

News of the death of Mary C. Ballard, beloved wife of William Ballard, 1815 West Kentucky street, was received Sunday morning by her friends and relatives with feelings of inexpressible grief. Mrs. Ballard was twenty-seven years old and had been ill only a short time. Besides her husband she leaves one son, John Ballard, and three brothers, all of whom she loved dearly. Her funeral took place Tuesday morning from St. Peter's church, of which she was a devout member.

EDUCATION HELPS PATRIOTISM.

Just now Rome is full of American prelates, and many more are expected in the next few months. This year the dominant note in the Holy Father's conversation with visiting prelates has been the religious education of children. Bishop McDonnell, of Brooklyn, in speaking of a private audience at the Vatican, said: "The Pope's proverbial love for the young seems to have increased with years. He told me that nothing is dearer to him than the news that a new school or new asylum for children has been opened. He firmly believes that religious education strengthens patriotism and purifies and ennobles ideals in every pursuit of life. He urged me never to forget the children of my diocese and to send him frequent reports." Bishop J. J. Hartley, of Columbus, Ohio, told practically the same thing.

MEN'S FETE AND SUPPER.

A novel lawn fete and supper will be given on the grounds of St. Brigid's church, Baxter and Hepburn, next Tuesday, the admission price being ten cents. This affair will be conducted by the men of the parish, who have been actively at work for some time. The women will have no part in the arrangements, this giving them an opportunity to see what capable cooks and waiters the men are. A genuine Haviland dinner set of seventy-five pieces will be displayed, the value of which is \$75. Refreshments will be served on the grounds, where there will be amusements for all.

MACKEY'S SUNSET.

Everything points to the success of the Mackey Social Club sunset excursion this evening. The committees in charge have worked faithfully, and indications are weather being favorable, that a very enjoyable time will be had by all who take the ride. There will be music, dancing and refreshments besides other pleasing features. The boat leaves the foot of First street at 5:30 o'clock.

BECKHAM

Candidacy Given Awful Setback
by Stanley Demonstration
Here.

Louisville Democrats Especially
Pleased to Hear Haley
Grilled.

Reasons Why Beckham Con Not
Carry the Fifth Dis-
trict.

BARRETT FOR COMMISSIONER

There is no use denying the fact that the local managers of Congressman Stanley's campaign for United States Senator, played a strong trump card in the speaking held at the National Theater last Monday evening, which is conceded on all sides to have been one of the representative gatherings at a political affair in Louisville. The character of the audience was entirely high-class, no boisterous interruptions and careful attention being given Mr. Stanley throughout the evening, and in addition there were about 2,500 present, which is remarkable considering this is an off year in politics and that none of the three aspirants have ever had anything in common with this city.

The Stanley campaign managers now claim that the success of their Louisville effort assures him of the nomination, his steady gains out in the State only being hindered through the fact that many of his country supporters were awed by the claim of the Beckham managers, who had been predicting an overwhelming majority for their candidate in the cities, and especially in Louisville. Many of Congressman Stanley's leading workers from out in the State were present on the stage, and to say that they were pleased or enthused at his reception is putting it mildly, one of them offering to wager that Stanley would carry this city, so impressed was he with the gathering. One of the amusing incidents of the evening was the spectacle of Percy Haley squirming in his seat under the grilling given him by Mr. Stanley, and he plaintively confided to one of our local legislative representatives "that he couldn't see why he was being roasted so much, that he was not a candidate for any office." Haley is now able to realize that his brand of politics is not very popular in this section and his attempted dictation in the past in local affairs has made him persona non grata here.

At the outset of this campaign it was contended in the columns of the Kentucky Irish American that there was little, if any, interest in the Senatorial race, the experience of local Democrats in the past proving that they would accomplish more by remaining neutral or dividing their strength in primaries for State or national offices. Heretofore they have been pretty near a unit in political contests of this kind, the last instance being in the continued support of Senator Ollie James, who since his election has ignored local Democrats entirely in giving out political pie. Gov. McCreary, another favorite of local Democrats, dealt them a body blow by appointing Dan O'Sullivan as Prison Commissioner and Lyne Herndon as Hotel Inspector, both of whom bolted the Democratic ticket in 1909 and were candidates on an independent ticket, this and other appointments of the Governor burning the bridges between him and the Louisville Democracy, as expressed by a prominent leader. As for Beckham, everyone knows that the Haley-Beckham duo has been at daggers points with the Democrats of Louisville for many years, none believing in the sincerity of the ex-Governor's prohibition views, and many of the opinion that he pursued a dog in the manger policy by not stepping aside for some other good Democrat during the Haley-Beckham contest, thereby causing the loss of a Senatorship to the Democratic party.

Looking at this race from another angle, it can be summed up this way: Immediately after the last election, and when the prospective Senatorial candidates were mentioned, it was the opinion of Democrats from a local standpoint that, in lieu of the splendid work rendered the municipal ticket in the last election by the Evening Post, no direct fight be made against Beckham as a sort of return courtesy to the Post, and it is believed this policy would have been sacred if Beckham and Haley could have been kept away from this city and not allowed to pretend a good feeling between them and Louisville Democrats. In addition the announcement that W. W. Davies, the Bull Moose's leading orator in the last election, was opposing the Beckham cause is adding insult to injury when it is taken into account how Davies at the head of a lot of disgruntled "ex's" termed every supporter of the Buchanmey ticket as a Buckslave, which still rankles in the bosom of some local Democrats. Another mistake was the impression that Edward T. Tierney, of the Board of Safety, would influence city employees to support Beckham, this having just the counter effect. As has been stated before, neither Mr. Tierney or any other man or set of men can influence or dictate to Louisville Democrats when the question of supporting Beckham is an issue. Another unfortunate phase of the situa-

tion is that Attorney Edward P. Humphrey, the Beckham campaign Chairman in this district, is especially well thought of in the party, and whom many would delight in assisting in any other cause he espouses but the present one. It is not believed that Mr. Humphrey is responsible for the bringing into the local calcium light of Beckham and Haley, or that other blunder of trying to coerce administration employees into supporting the ex-Governor's cause. Here is the situation in a nut-shell: Nine out of every ten men on being queried as to their choice in the Senatorial race will answer by saying "I have no special choice, but am against Beckham," which means that Beckham can not hope to carry this district in the primary and would seriously endanger the success of the local ticket in November if he is chosen as the nominee.

The supporters of Gen. Bennett H. Young, candidate for the short term, are highly pleased with the success of his campaign thus far, he receiving several big receptions this past week, and with the promise of a big vote the Louisville and Lexington, his managers predict for him a big victory.

Hon. George B. Barrett, Representative in the last General Assembly from the Forty-fifth district, is being groomed as a possible candidate for Railroad Commissioner to succeed "Billy" Kline next year, and many of the leaders have already pledged their support, knowing that his personal following would make him a formidable candidate in either the primary or general election.

SPECIAL DANCE PROGRAMME.

The Committee of Arrangements for the annual reunion and picnic to be given by the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Phoenix Hill Park on Tuesday, July 21, are preparing a musical and dance programme to suit the tastes of all, the music to consist of a medley of both the old time songs, which are pleasing to the older folks, and some of the up-to-date light and catchy music for the younger people. The dance hall has been turned over to the Emerald Hibernian Social Club and they are arranging a variety of dances which are sure to prove a novelty, and in deference to the requests of many of the older folks, who have never witnessed it, have included the tango in the list. An old-fashioned quadrille is also included in the list, in which men like George Butler, John Hennessy, Tom Lynch, Tom Dolan, Con Ford, John Sullivan, Tom Tarry, Martin Cusick, John Hession and veterans of the order will trip the light fantastic toe. The popularity of the annual Hibernian picnic was testified to by the remark of one of our oldest citizens the other day, "who said that he had not missed attending this affair once in the past twenty-seven years, which is quite a record and speaks for itself."

MOURN HER DEATH.

Called away when she could enjoy the company of a grown-up family, Mrs. Mary Flanagan, a woman of good mothers experience in rearing their children, Mrs. Mary Flanagan's death last Sunday evening at her home, 735 West Oak street, caused widespread regret and sincere sympathy for the bereaved son and daughters. Here was the peaceful death of a devoted Catholic mother, with all the rites of the church received and surrounded by her family. Mrs. Flanagan was the widow of the late John Flanagan, and since coming from Ireland as a girl over fifty years ago had made this city her home. Surviving her are a son, Louis Flanagan, of St. Louis, and two daughters, Misses Agnes and Katherine Flanagan. The solemn funeral mass was celebrated at St. Louis Bertrand's church Tuesday morning, and was attended by friends whose numbers almost filled the edifice.

ORPHAN PICNIC.

The final meeting of Chairmen and committees arranging for the annual picnic and outing for the benefit of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, which takes place Wednesday, July 22, was held Sunday afternoon at the orphanage, attended by all the members. Every Chairman had a favorable report to make and some new features were reported as having been arranged. Meals will be served in the orphanage dining room, which is being equipped with thirty electric fans to insure comfort of the diners. In addition to the above feature the management has provided many more surprises in the way of amusements. A first class bowling alley will be installed for enthusiasts in this kind of sport, and a theatrical feature. This will be one of the largest gatherings of the season, and should appeal to all those who enjoy a real German festival, and with it all aid a charitable purpose.

FEAR AMERICAN CASH.

In the House of Commons, John George Butcher, Unionist member for York City, asked the Government what steps had been taken to meet the danger to the peace of the country, which results from the appeal to Irish-Americans of the Irish Nationalists for funds for the support of the Nationalist volunteers. Premier Asquith made an evasive answer.

ANOTHER NEW CHURCH.

Tomorrow at Brooksville, Bracken county, the cornerstone of the new St. James church will be laid with impressive ceremonies. Rev. Thomas J. Coleman, the pastor, is an earnest worker and is held in high respect by all denominations in Bracken county. Many Catholics from the surrounding cities and towns will attend the ceremony.

MUST COME

Only Two Issues Now Confront
Ending of Home Rule
Fight.

These Are the Area of Exclusion
in Ulster and Time
Limit.

Lord Halsbury Gives the Die-
Hards Their Death
Blow.

ENCOURAGING THE VOLUNTEERS

There will be much haggling and many moments of peril; sometimes even all the negotiations may seem interrupted and the rupture complete, and finally there is the ever present danger of a collision in Ulster, says T. P. O'Connor in his weekly cable, but all the same the general effect of the entire tone and attitude of the House of Lords this week makes everybody believe a settlement of the home rule fight is inevitable. The most eloquent proof of this is the utter collapse of the die-hards. Everybody has repudiated them, including not only Lord Lansdowne, the cold and cautious English leader, but also the Ulster Orange leaders like the Duke of Abercorn and Lord Londonderry. The die-hards got their death blow when old Lord Halsbury, the head and front of the movement against acceptance of the Parliament act three years ago, and the most stubborn Tory in England, urged them to surrender. Thus the second reading of the amending bill, which seemed impossible only a few weeks ago, now is assured in the House of Lords.

The debate which marked the last milestone of Ireland's struggle was studied by frank avowals from every leading Tory Peer that no power on earth could keep the home rule bill from reaching the statute book and that Ireland's demand must be met. The immediate financial demand for the general election, which appeared in every Tory speech in the last two years, was repudiated by the remarkable speech of the Archbishop of York, now the greatest figure in the Anglican church, as no help toward a settlement—therefore—must come from this debate that Ireland must get home rule and that really the only two outstanding issues are the area of exclusion in Ulster and the time limit.

These are not all the indications that the Tory leaders at last are convinced that the settlement must come, and that the sooner it comes the better for them as well as for the Liberals and Irish. This collapse of the irreconcilable opposition which seemed so definite and obstinate a few weeks ago is attributed to many causes. It is attributed to the immense financial strain the upkeep of the Orange volunteer movement involves; it is attributed to the pressure of English public opinion in favor of a settlement, and finally it is attributed more largely to the National volunteer movement than to any other factor. Of course the House of Lords will insert impossible amendments, and for the moment they pretend that nothing will satisfy them but the entire exclusion of all Ulster without any time limit, but as a matter of fact what the Orangemen really demand and will strain every nerve to obtain finally are reached. As these six include Fermanagh and Tyrone, where the Nationalists have a majority, this is a point on which the Nationalists can not yield, and on this issue it is certain that prolonged struggle and obstinate haggling will ensue before the terms of the settlement finally are reached. For the moment, however, it is impossible not to feel some anxiety about affairs in Ulster. The Orange leaders it is certain will do their utmost to prevent any disturbances during the twelfth of July celebrations, but there is great exasperation among the Nationalist volunteers who see themselves confronted by the armed Orangemen and who are restive under the constant swaggering provocation of the Orange volunteers.

The Nationalist volunteer movement in the meantime is going ahead with lightning rapidity, and the energy and enthusiasm are increasing every hour. Ireland also shows its inflexible and universal determination that the movement shall be under the guidance of Redmond and his colleagues. Redmond and every Irish member received daily urgent prayers to attend the reviews of volunteers in all parts of the country. The English and Liberal opinion is equally favorable to the volunteer movement, and the spirited letter from Lady Carlisle inclosing a \$1,500 subscription will elicit further responses. The movement now is spreading in England.

The general situation of the Ministry has improved from last week, when the various pressures on the budget raised some perils in the long struggle and frequent divisions on the budget. Now all the ranks of the Ministry supporters once more are knit together and next Monday the Ministry will show its determination to push its programme through by introducing a drastic closure for the remaining stages of the budget. Altogether we have got nearer a settlement this week by bigger strides than in any week since the opening of the struggle.